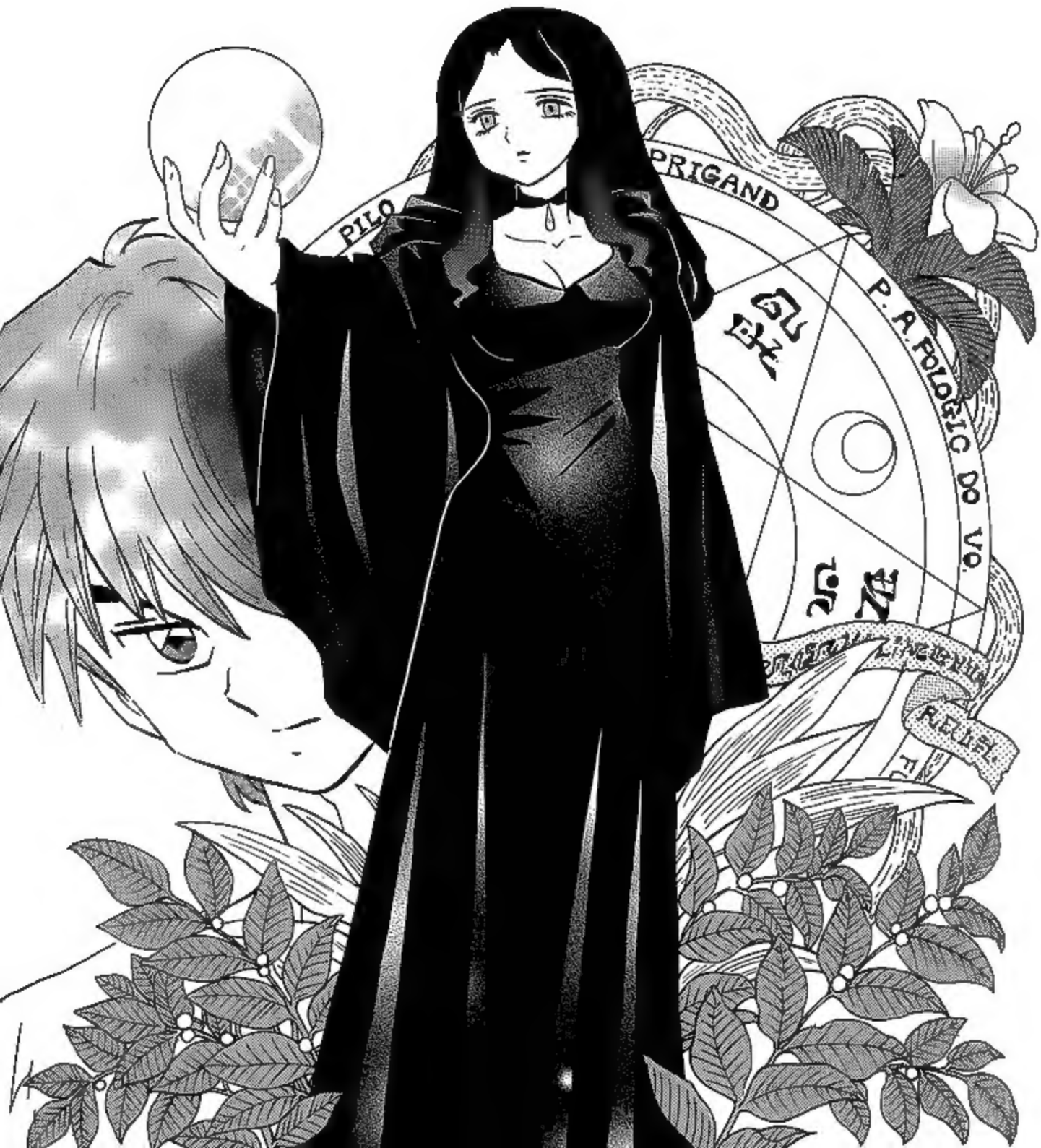
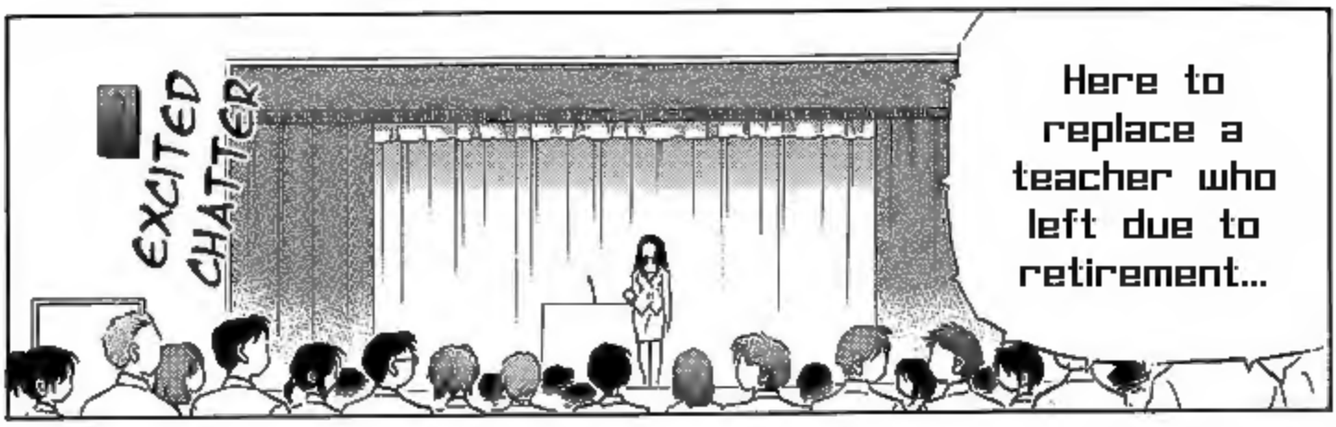
CHAPTER 205
A WITCH'S DESCENDANTS





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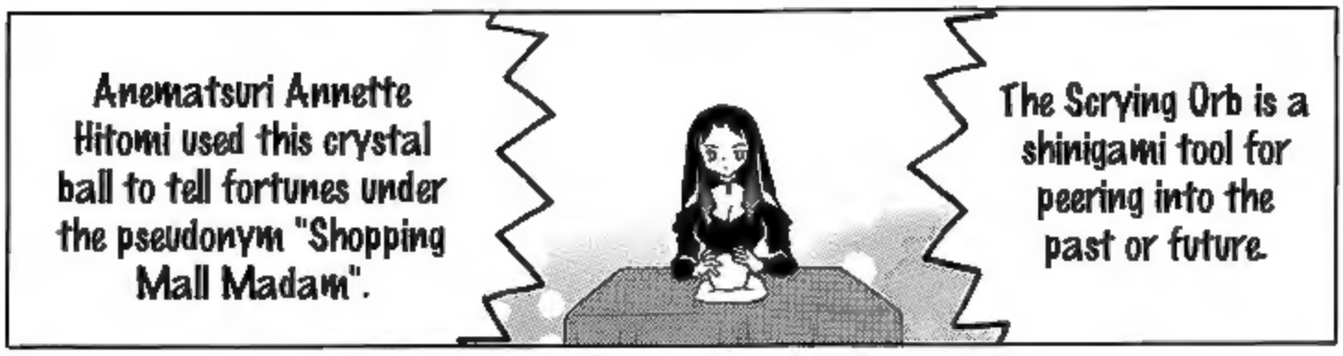
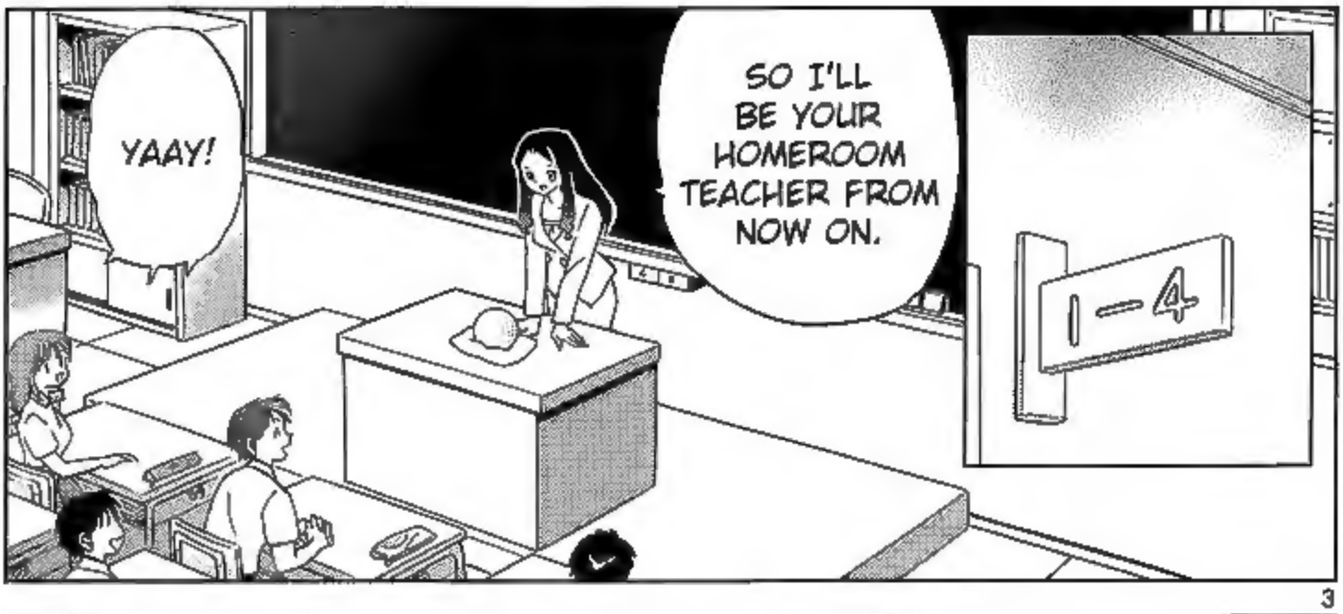
* IN JAPAN, HAVING ONE JAPANESE AND ONE NON-JAPANESE PARENT IS CONSIDERED EXOTIC AND DESIRABLE (EG HALF ITALIAN, FRENCH, BRITISH, ETC). A QUARTER IS JUST AN EXTENSION OF THIS CONCEPT.


Anematsuri Annette Hitomi used this crystal ball to tell fortunes under the pseudonym "Shopping Mall Madam".
The Scrying Orb is a shinigami tool for peering into the past or future.

HOW COULD SHE HAVE IT AGAIN...?
BUT THAT CRYSTAL BALL FELL INTO THE LAKE AT THE PARK...


YAAY!
SO I'LL BE YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER FROM NOW ON.
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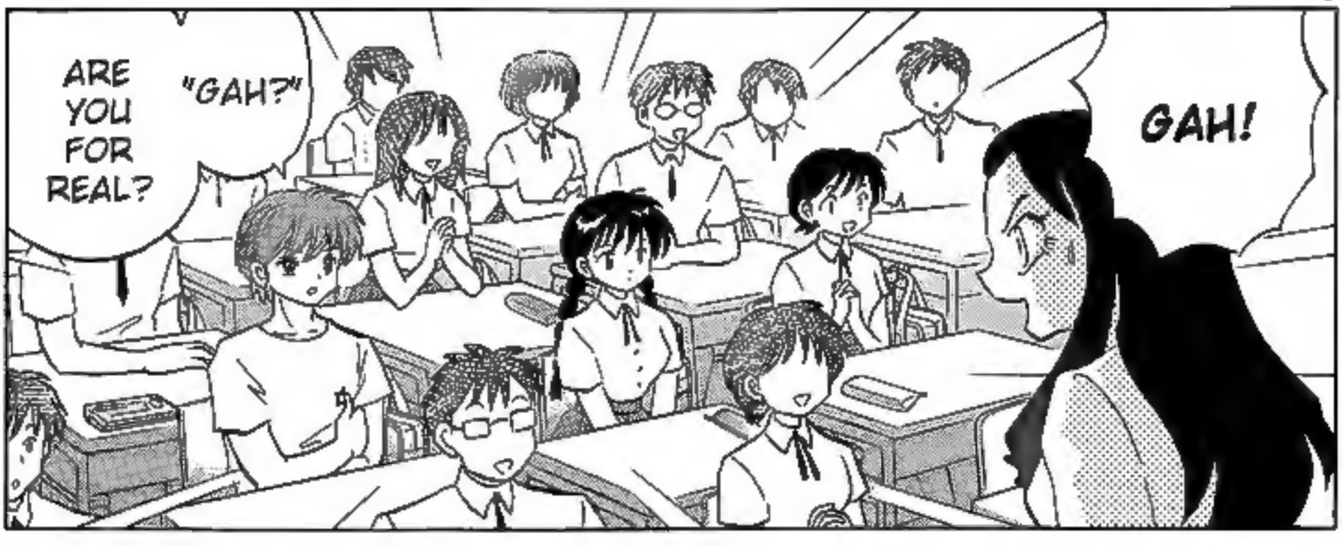
ARE YOU FOR REAL?
"GAH?"
GAH!

OF COURSE I KNEW ABOUT IT.
HMPH!
DUH.
SHOULDN'T YOU HAVE ALREADY FORSEEN MEETING US IN THE CRYSTAL BALL?
Excited
WHAT? SHE WAS A FORTUNE TELLER!?
ANNETTE-SENSEI'S FORTUNES ARE INCREDIBLY ACCURATE!
OH?
OBVIOUSLY!
YUP, TOTALLY KNEW ALL ABOUT IT.
FLASH
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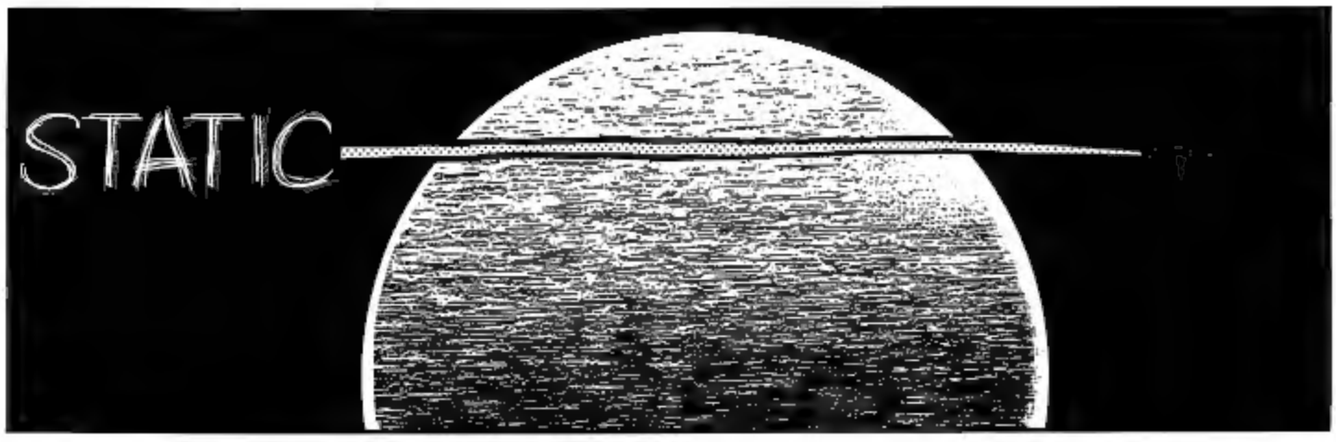
Sparkle Sparkle Sparkle
A CHANCE TO CHAT WITH HER!
ME TOO, ME TOO!
BUSTLE
SENSEI~! THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT YOU TO DIVINE...
HO HO HO HO HO, THAT'S FINE.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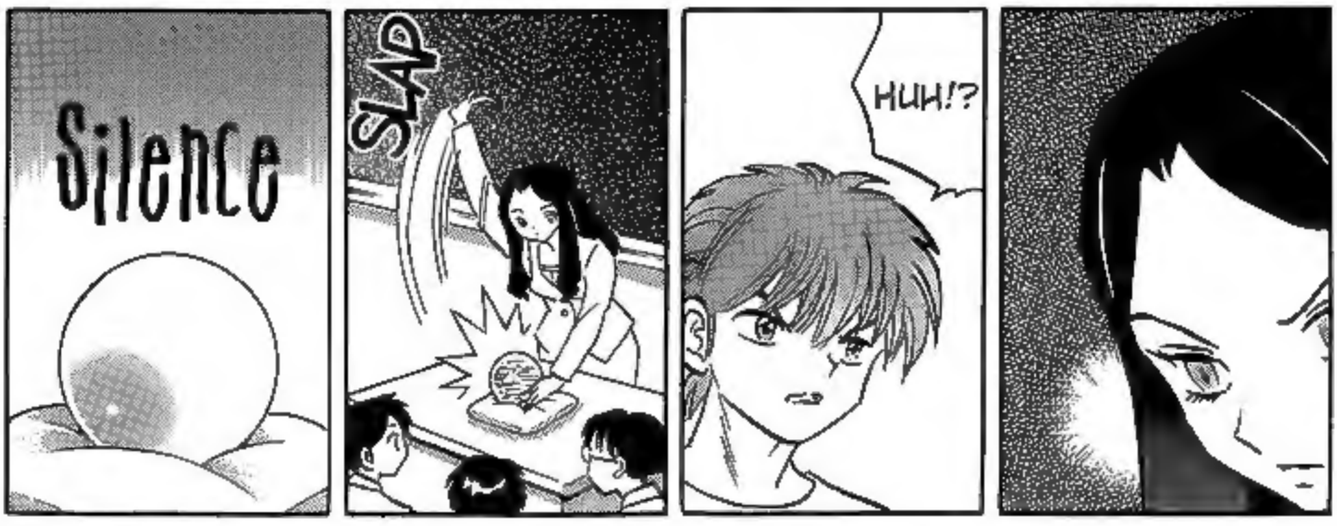
Silence
SLAP
HUH!?

WHAT ABOUT OUR FORTUNES ...!?
AWWW!
WELL, LET'S START CLASS!

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THE CRYSTAL BALL DOESN'T SEEM TO WORK PROPERLY?

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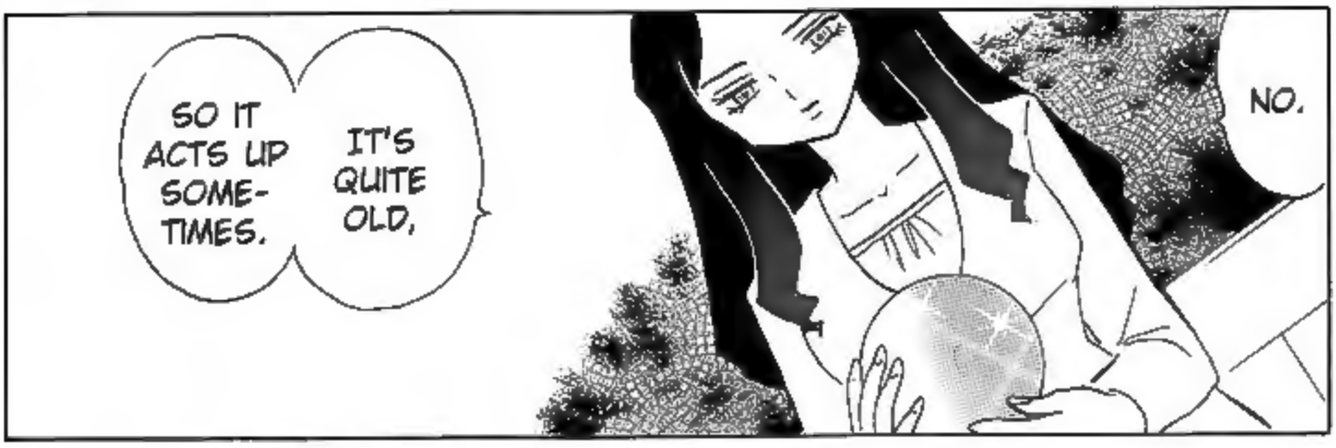
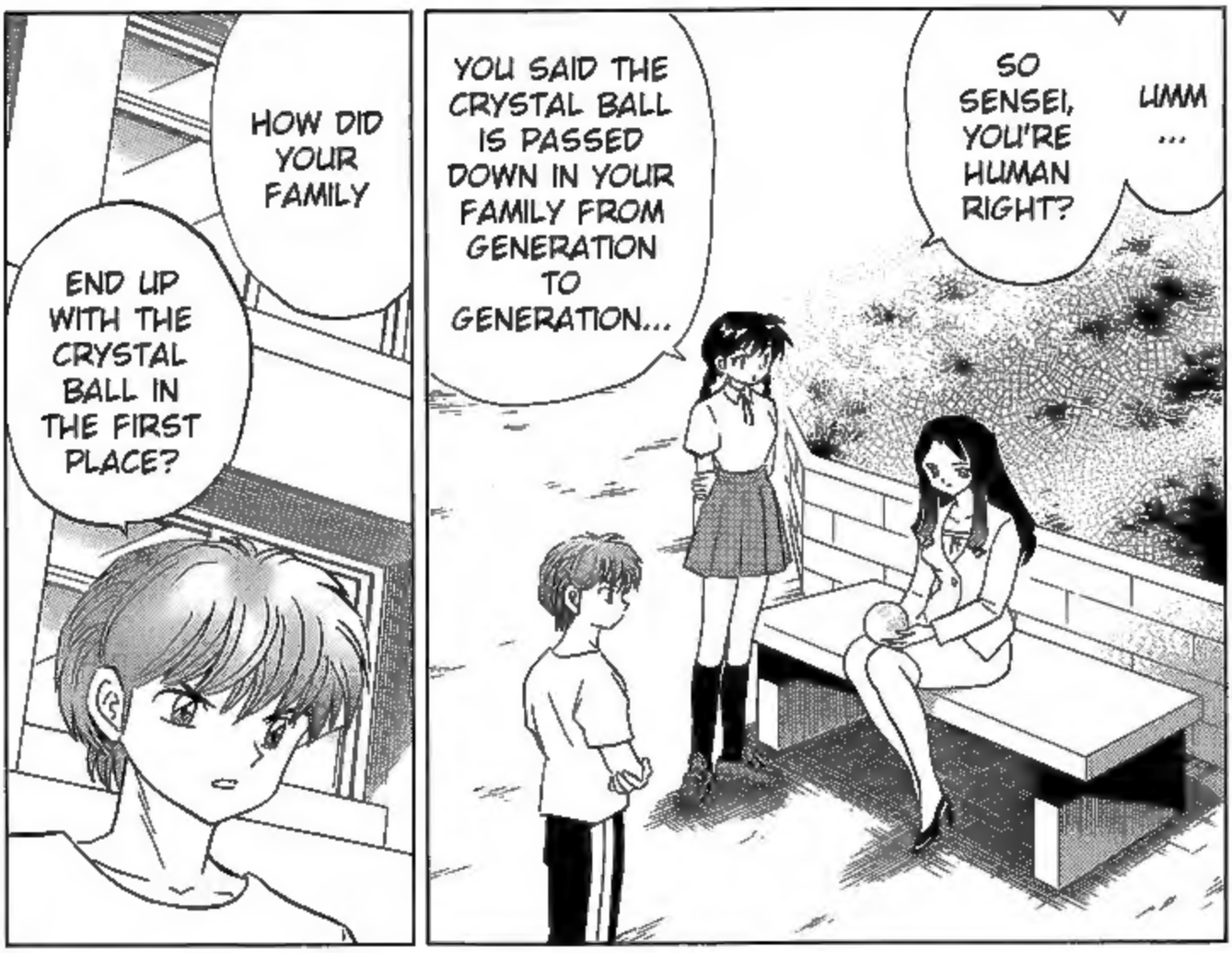

NO.
IT'S QUITE OLD,
SO IT ACTS UP SOME-TIMES.


UMM ...
SO SENSEI, YOU'RE HUMAN RIGHT?
YOU SAID THE CRYSTAL BALL IS PASSED DOWN IN YOUR FAMILY FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION...
HOW DID YOUR FAMILY END UP WITH THE CRYSTAL BALL IN THE FIRST PLACE?

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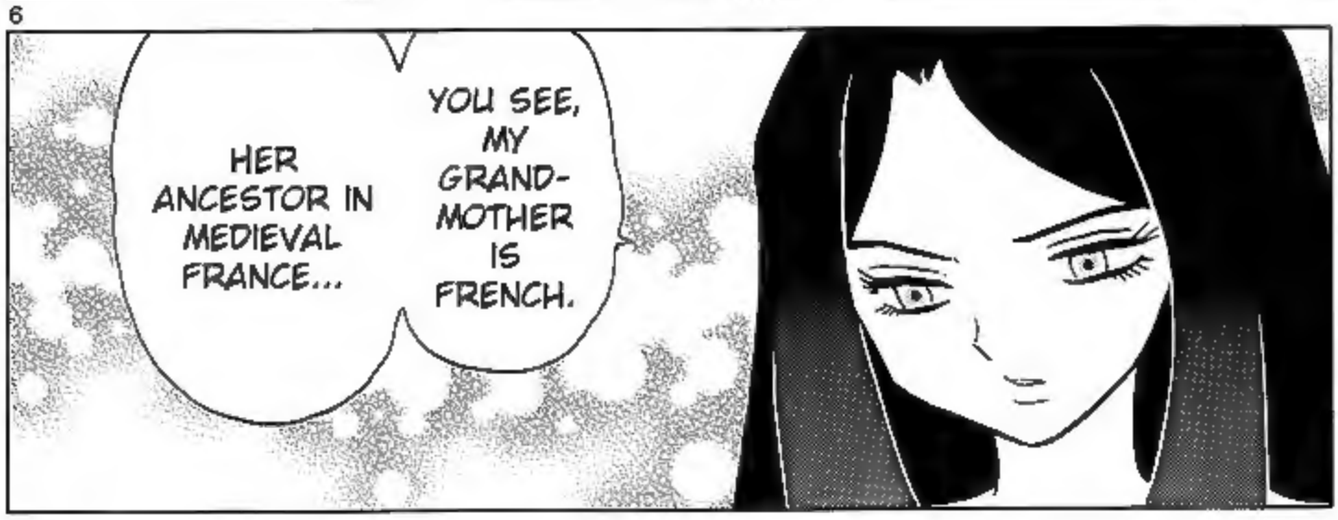
YOU SEE, MY GRAND-MOTHER IS FRENCH.
HER ANCESTOR IN MEDIEVAL FRANCE...

A WITCH!
WAS A... I GUESS YOU COULD SAY "WITCH".
TSU-BASA-KUN.
WITCHES USE DEMONIC POWER TO CAST MYSTERIOUS SPELLS TO HARM PEOPLE NEARBY... A TRULY WICKED EXISTENCE INDEED...
NONCHALANTLY
TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WERE TORTURED AND EXECUTED IN SO CALLED "WITCH HUNTS".
THROUGHOUT MEDIEVAL EUROPE, UNDER THE SUSPICION OF BEING WITCHES,

ALL SO THEY COULD HELP OTHER PEOPLE THROUGH FORTUNES.
MY ANCESTOR WASN'T INVOLVED WITH DEMONS, BUT SHE INSTEAD FORMED A CONTRACT WITH SHINIGAMI FOR THE CRYSTAL BALL...
YOU SEEM TO KNOW A LOT, JUU-MONJI.
IT'S MORE OR LESS MY AREA OF EX-PERTISE.
BREAD ...?
THEY EXCHANGED IT FOR BREAD, AND SO FORTH.
A CONTRACT WITH SHINI-GAMI...?
MY ANCESTOR WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE INTO THE FOREST AND SURVIVE THE WITCH HUNTS.
THANKS TO THE CRYSTAL BALL,
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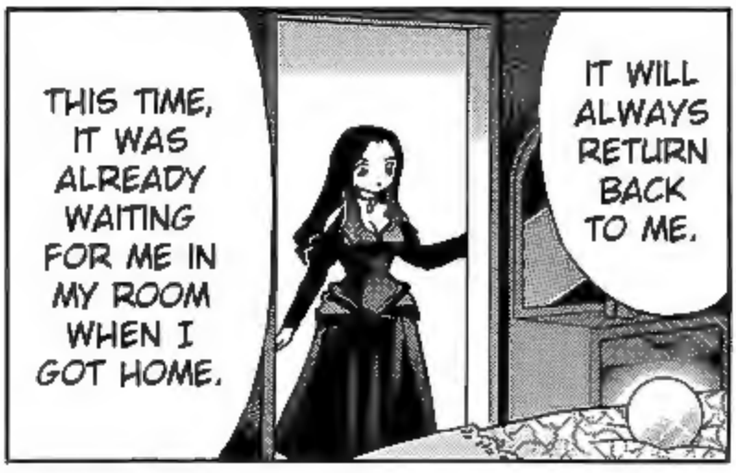
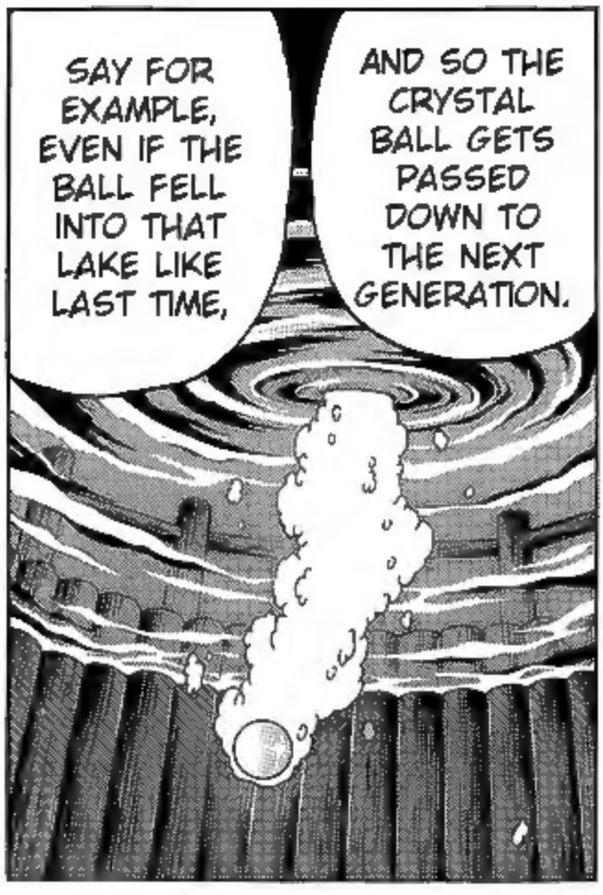
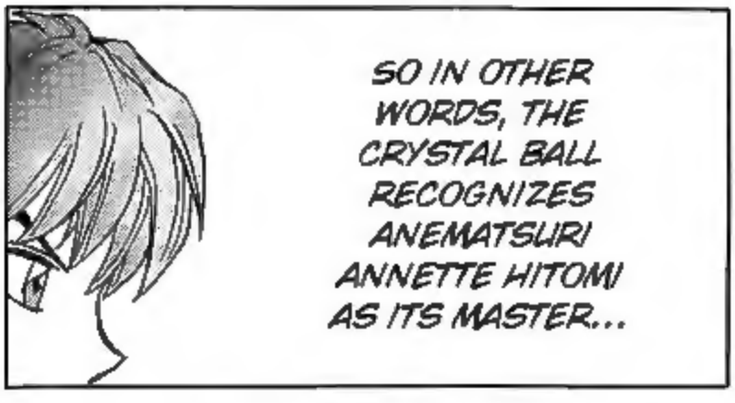
THEY BROUGHT THE CRYSTAL BALL WITH THEM.
MY GRAND-MOTHER MET THE JAPANESE TOURIST WHO WOULD BECOME MY GRAND-FATHER, AND THEY BOTH MOVED TO JAPAN.
A FEW CENTURIES LATER,


THIS TIME, IT WAS ALREADY WAITING FOR ME IN MY ROOM WHEN I GOT HOME.
IT WILL ALWAYS RETURN BACK TO ME.


SAY FOR EXAMPLE, EVEN IF THE BALL FELL INTO THAT LAKE LIKE LAST TIME,
AND SO THE CRYSTAL BALL GETS PASSED DOWN TO THE NEXT GENERATION.


SO IN OTHER WORDS, THE CRYSTAL BALL RECOGNIZES ANEMATSURI ANNETTE HITOMI AS ITS MASTER...

JUST WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING?
SO ANY-WAY ...

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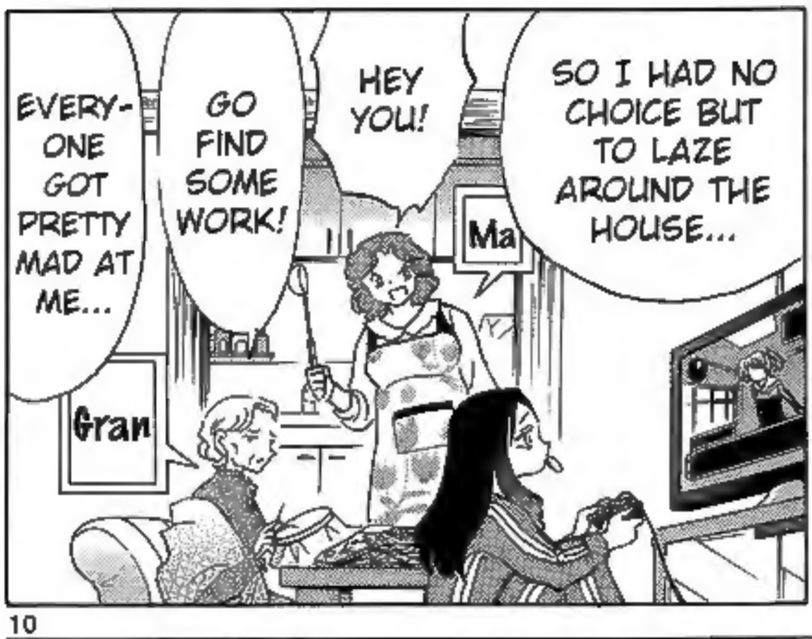
SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAPPENED.
THIS SPRING...

JUST WHAT ARE YOU UP TO!?
I MEAN, BY BECOMING A TEACHER, AND COMING TO THIS SCHOOL.
ABOUT WHAT?

SOMETHING DREADFUL HAPPENED!?
THIS SPRING ...

AND EVEN THE CRYSTAL BALL SAID THE FUTURE WAS BLEAK.
EMPLOY-MENT IS SO SCARCE THESE DAYS,
NOTICE OF FAILURE
REJECTED
FAILED
BEFORE I GRADUATED FROM UNIVERSITY, I APPLIED TO DOZENS OF COMPANIES, BUT I FAILED ALL THE ENTRANCE TESTS ONE AFTER ANOTHER.


EVERY-ONE GOT PRETTY MAD AT ME...
Gran
GO FIND SOME WORK!
HEY YOU!
Ma
SO I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO LAZE AROUND THE HOUSE...

THAT IS PRETTY TERRIBLE, BUT...
...SO YOU COULDN'T GET A JOB?

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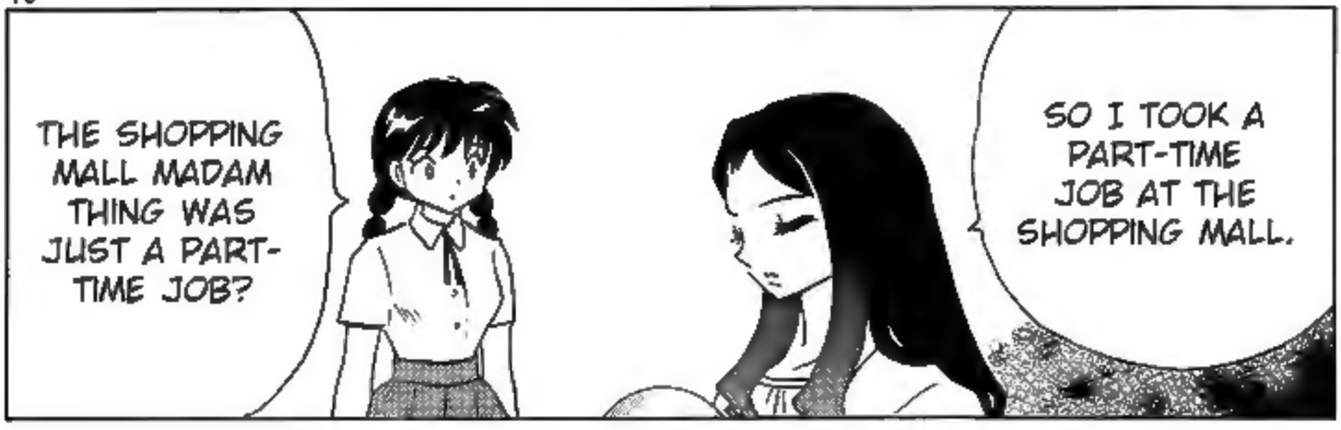
THE SHOPPING MALL MADAM THING WAS JUST A PART-TIME JOB?
SO I TOOK A PART-TIME JOB AT THE SHOPPING MALL.

SO ALL THAT WITCH STUFF ISN'T RELATED AT ALL...
YOU JUST APPLIED NORMALLY !?
I SAW IT IN THE CRYSTAL BALL BEFORE THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.
SO HOW
DID YOU END UP AS A TEACHER AT THIS SCHOOL...?
IN THAT CASE!
YOU'RE SO CAREFREE!
WHAT!?
IT HAPPENED JUST AS THE CRYSTAL BALL STARTED ACTING UP...
I'M GLAD I MADE IT AS A TEACHER!
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IT'S ON THE SHINI-GAMI ASSO-CIATION'S WANTED LIST.
LET ME RETURN THIS.
YOINK

If it is returned to the Shinigami Association, a reward of ¥500 will be paid!
The crystal ball is actually a shinigami tool, the Scrying Orb.
FLASH
WHAT!?
THE CRYSTAL BALL...
Sparkling
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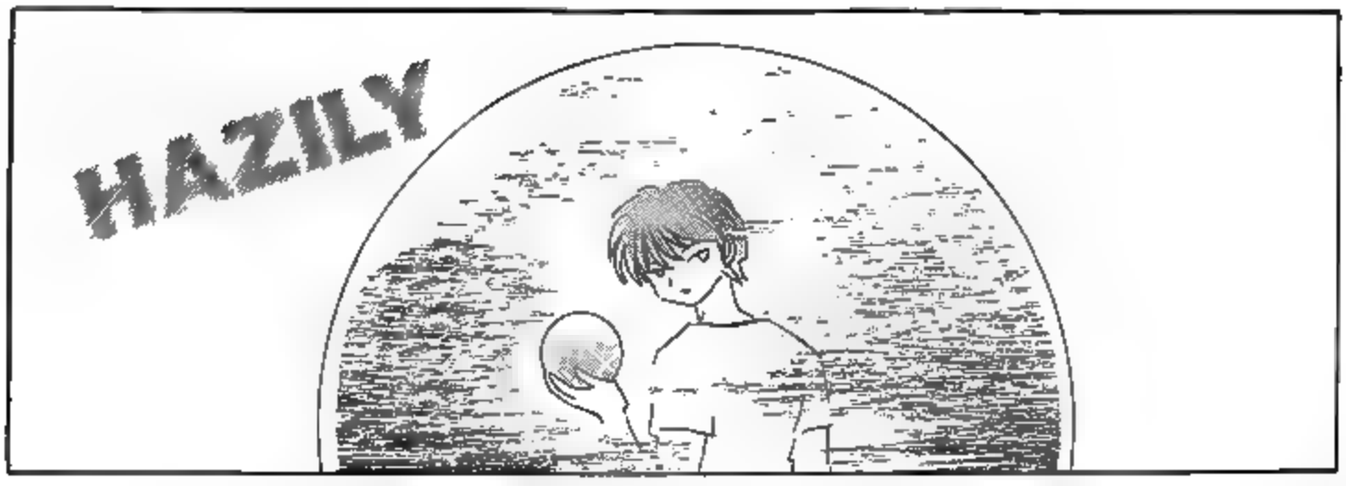
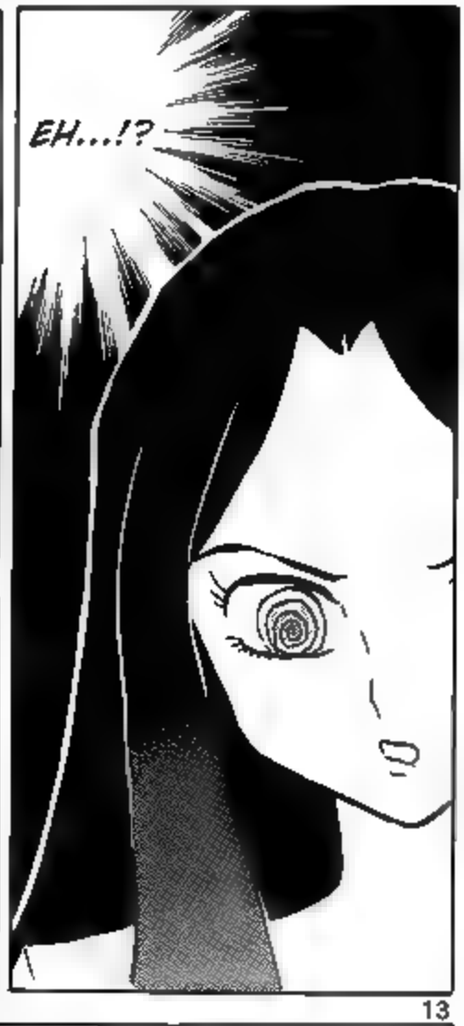
Swirling


HAZILY

YOU SURE?
HUH!?
YOU CAN HAVE IT.


EH...!?

I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT.
TWINS
IN THAT CASE,

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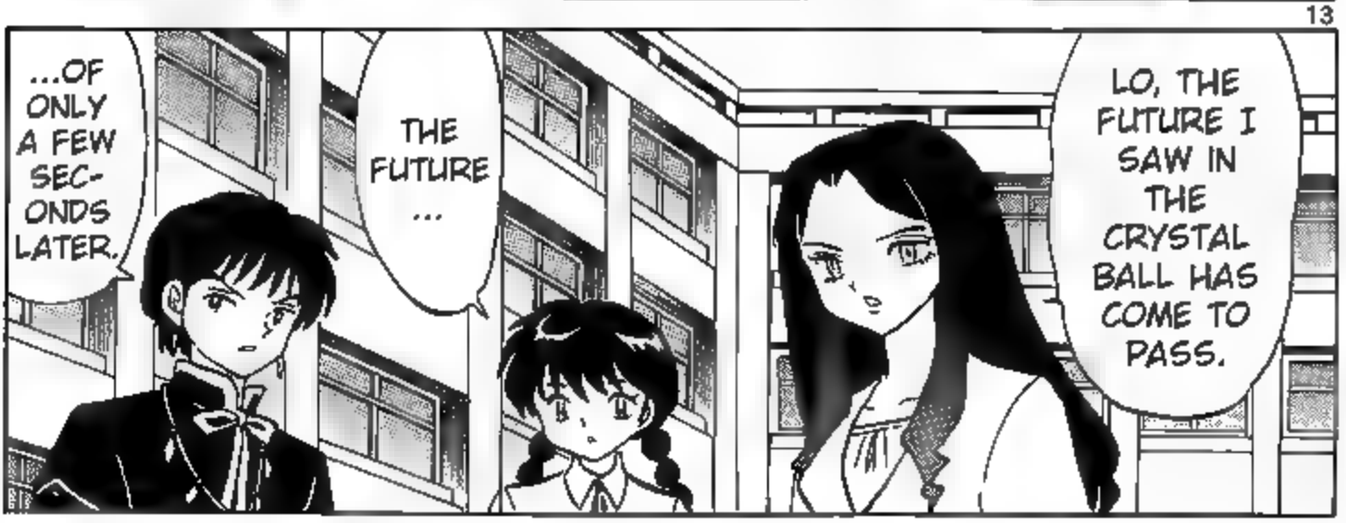
...OF ONLY A FEW SEC-ONDS LATER.
THE FUTURE ...
LO, THE FUTURE I SAW IN THE CRYSTAL BALL HAS COME TO PASS.

CLUNK...
The Other World
Item Retrieval Office
Please bring things ASAP▷▷
ITEM RETRIEVAL OFFICE
THERE'S THE RETRIEVAL OFFICE!
MARCHING

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Sparkling
FLASH
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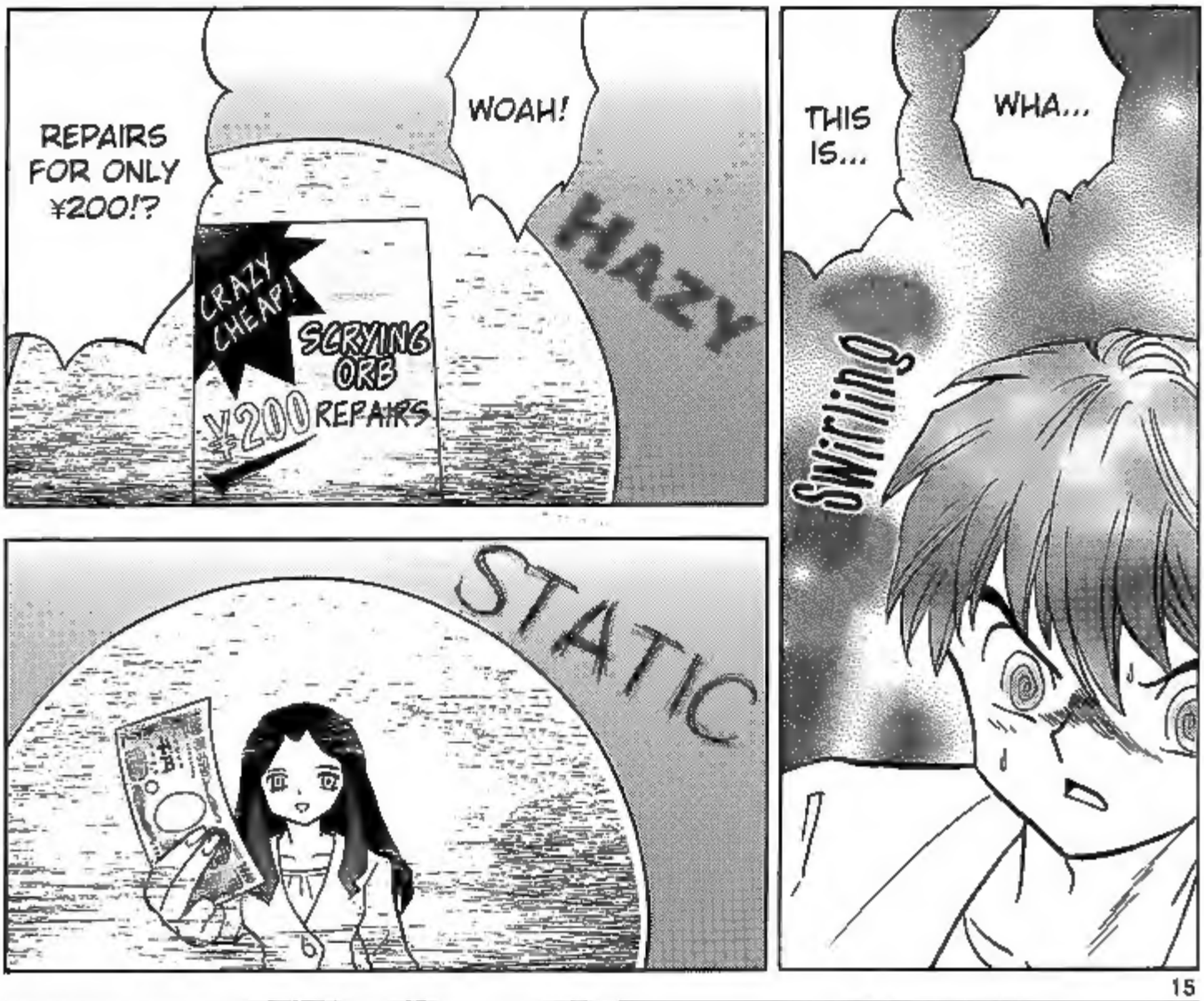
BUT FINALLY I CAN GET THE ¥500 REWARD.
SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED...


REPAIRS FOR ONLY ¥200!?
WOAH!
HAZY
CRAZY CHEAP!
SCRYING ORB
¥200 REPAIRS
STATIC
THIS IS...
WHA...
SWIRLING

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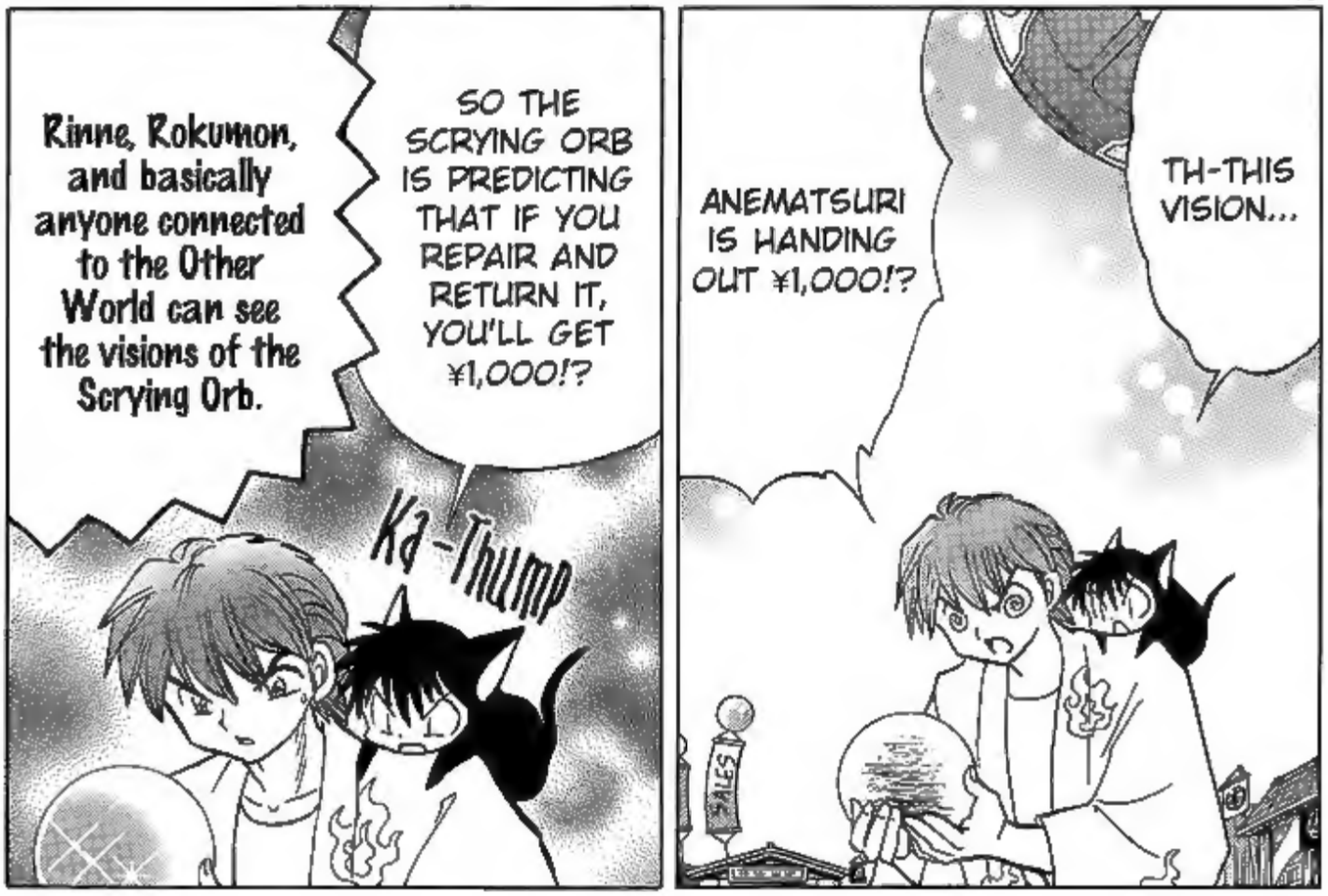
Rinne, Rokumon, and basically anyone connected to the Other World can see the visions of the Scrying Orb.
SO THE SCRYING ORB IS PREDICTING THAT IF YOU REPAIR AND RETURN IT, YOU'LL GET ¥1,000!?
Ka-Thump
ANEMATSURI IS HANDING OUT ¥1,000!?
TH-THIS VISION...
SALES

GRRR...
MAYBE WE SHOULD PAY THE ¥200 REPAIR FEE TO GET ¥1,000...
INSTEAD OF GETTING ¥500 FROM THE RETRIEVAL OFFICE,
RINNE-SAMA...

TADA!
CRAZY CHEAP!
SCRYING ORB
¥200 REPAIRS

ITEM RETRIEVAL AND SUBMISSION IS A SHINIGAMI'S DUTY!
DON'T BE TEMPTED ROKUMON!
MARCHING
Ghostly Rabbit
EGGS FRICE ¥350
GHOST SET MEAL

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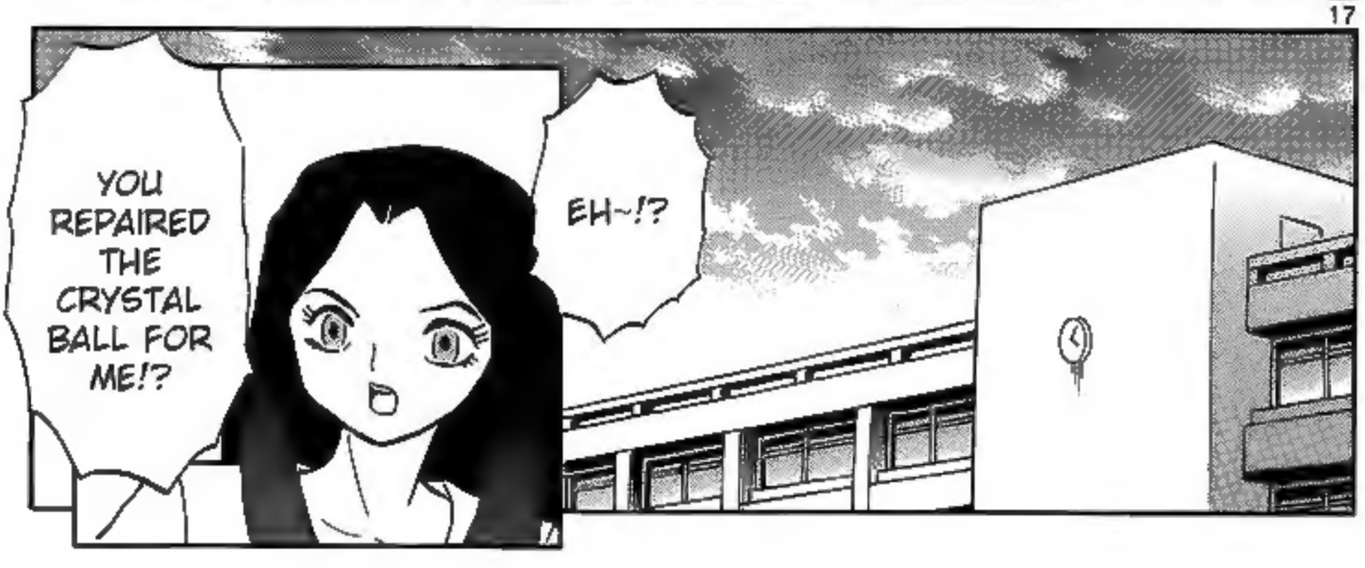
Management
◁◁ Please bring things ASAP ▷▷
THEY'RE EVEN RIGHT NEXT DOOR!
POLISH
REPAIRS
CRAZY CHEAP!
SCRYING ORB
¥200 REPAIRS
ITEM RETRIEVAL OFFICE

HMM...
MAYBE DESTINY IS TELLING ME SOMETHING...
Inhaling

THE BALL CHOSE HER AFTER ALL, A WITCH'S DESCENDANT!
NO INDEED!
NOTHING IMPROPER ABOUT THIS, RIGHT RINNE-SAMA?
A ha ha
Tee hee hee
COME AGAIN!
POLISH
OFFICE


YOU REPAIRED THE CRYSTAL BALL FOR ME!?
EH~!?

IN THAT CASE, HERE.
HANDING OUT
OH, THANK YOU...
WELL, IT DID COST ME ¥200 TO GET IT FIXED.
JUST AS THE SCRYING ORB PREDICTED!
¥1,000.
¥800.
GIMME
NOW THE CHANGE, PLEASE.
WOOZY
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NO-ONE ASKED YOU TO DO IT.
RUSHING AWAY
THERE'S STILL THE MATTER OF MY SERVICE FEE!
COULD IT BE DESTINY?
THE CRYSTAL BALL IS ONCE AGAIN IN HER HANDS...